

Leadership Development for Emerging Cooperative Leaders Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Cooperative Societies	Duration	10 Days
Base Fee	\$3,000 USD	Delivery Mode	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

Participants will:

1. Understand the foundations of cooperative governance and ethical leadership.
2. Build strategic thinking and decision-making capabilities for cooperative growth.
3. Enhance communication, influence, and negotiation skills in cooperative settings.
4. Apply emotional intelligence and adaptive leadership in dynamic team environments.
5. Learn how to implement data-driven leadership strategies.
6. Foster inclusive leadership practices and gender equality in cooperatives.
7. Master conflict resolution and consensus-building approaches.
8. Leverage digital tools and leadership analytics for cooperative transformation.
9. Integrate sustainable development goals (SDGs) into cooperative leadership practices.
10. Develop robust member engagement and mobilization strategies.
11. Create leadership pipelines through succession planning and mentorship.
12. Address policy advocacy and the role of cooperatives in influencing change.
13. Strengthen collaborative leadership through inter-cooperative networking and alliances.

Target Audience

1. Cooperative managers and team leads
2. Emerging youth cooperative leaders
3. Board members of cooperatives
4. Women leaders in cooperatives
5. Government and NGO cooperative trainers
6. Community-based cooperative organizers
7. Agricultural and rural cooperative heads
8. Cooperative sector entrepreneurs

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Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations of Cooperative Leadership

- Principles of cooperative leadership
- Understanding cooperative values and principles
- Difference between traditional and cooperative leadership
- Leadership vs. management
- Cooperative leadership competencies
- **Case Study: Leadership transformation in a rural savings cooperative**

Module 2: Strategic Thinking for Cooperative Growth

- Visioning and mission alignment
- SWOT and PESTLE analysis in cooperatives
- Strategic planning process
- Leadership role in innovation
- Leading change initiatives
- **Case Study: Strategy pivot of a dairy cooperative post-pandemic**

Module 3: Emotional Intelligence in Leadership

- Self-awareness and regulation
- Empathy in leadership
- Social skills for influence
- Building resilient teams
- Emotional culture in cooperatives
- **Case Study: Conflict de-escalation through emotional intelligence**

Module 4: Communication and Influence

- Effective communication models
- Listening as a leadership skill
- Public speaking and storytelling
- Negotiation in cooperative contexts
- Stakeholder engagement
- **Case Study: Influencing policy through cooperative advocacy**

Module 5: Cooperative Governance and Ethics

- Roles and responsibilities of boards
- Transparency and accountability
- Code of ethics for cooperative leaders
- Legal frameworks
- Governance audits
- **Case Study: Ethical turnaround of a failing credit union**

Module 6: Adaptive and Agile Leadership

- Leading in uncertainty
- VUCA and BANI leadership models
- Scenario planning
- Agile project leadership
- Flexibility in cooperative decision-making
- **Case Study: Agile response to climate disruption by a farmers' coop**

Module 7: Gender-Inclusive Leadership

- Gender bias in cooperative leadership
- Gender mainstreaming strategies
- Gender equity vs. equality
- Empowering women in co-ops
- Gender leadership scorecards
- **Case Study: Women-led transformation of a handicraft cooperative**

Module 8: Digital Leadership in Cooperatives

- Digital transformation roadmap
- Leadership in data governance
- Cybersecurity awareness for leaders
- Social media influence
- Data analytics for decision-making
- **Case Study: Digital shift of a multi-purpose cooperative**

Module 9: Conflict Resolution and Consensus Building

- Conflict types in cooperatives
- Mediation and arbitration techniques

- Role of culture in conflict
- Restorative justice in leadership
- Building a culture of consensus
- **Case Study: Internal board dispute resolution in a housing co-op**

Module 10: Leading for Sustainable Development

- Cooperatives and SDG alignment
- Environmental leadership
- Inclusive economic leadership
- Leadership for circular economy
- Monitoring sustainability metrics
- **Case Study: SDG-integrated operations of an energy co-op**

Module 11: Member Engagement and Participation

- Tools for effective member mobilization
- Participatory decision-making
- Building trust and transparency
- Feedback and survey mechanisms
- Engagement through digital platforms
- **Case Study: Youth engagement boost in a student cooperative**

Module 12: Succession Planning and Mentorship

- Identifying future leaders
- Mentorship frameworks
- Leadership development plans
- Coaching and feedback
- Institutional memory transfer
- **Case Study: Successful transition in leadership at a transport co-op**

Module 13: Innovation and Change Leadership

- Innovation mindset for leaders
- Overcoming resistance to change
- Design thinking in cooperatives
- Leading pilot projects
- Scaling successful innovations
- **Case Study: Mobile banking solution from a cooperative SACCO**

Module 14: Building Inter-Cooperative Alliances

- Importance of cooperative networks
- Collaboration strategies
- Cross-sector partnerships
- Global cooperative movements
- Collective bargaining power
- **Case Study: Alliance between farming and financial cooperatives**

Module 15: Policy Advocacy and Public Leadership

- Policy landscape for cooperatives
- Framing issues and messaging
- Coalition-building
- Grassroots mobilization

- Representing cooperatives at public forums
- **Case Study: Cooperative involvement in national policy reform**

Training Methodology

- Experiential learning through simulations and role plays
- Real-world case study analysis
- Interactive peer-to-peer engagement
- Group projects with coaching support
- Mentorship pairings with experienced leaders
- Leadership self-assessments and feedback tools

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

- The participant must be conversant with English.
- Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate
- Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.
- The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.
- One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.
- Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Online	\$2,000
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	\$3,000
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	\$0
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